

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**CHRISTOPHER PAUL HASSON,**

**Defendant**

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**CRIMINAL NO. GJH-19-96**

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**GOVERNMENT’S MOTION TO SEAL**

The United States of America, by and through the undersigned attorneys, hereby moves for an order sealing the affidavit of an FBI sniper. The filing contains personal information about the affiant that should not be public, due to law enforcement safety concerns.

In order to seal the opposition brief, “the government must demonstrate that: 1) there is a compelling governmental interest requiring materials to be kept under seal; and 2) there is no less restrictive means, such as redaction, available.” *In re Search Warrants Issued on April 26, 2004*, 353 F. Supp. 2d 584, 591 (D. Md. 2004) (citing *United States v. Oliver*, No. 99-4231, 2000 U.S. App. LEXIS 3630, at \*4 (4th Cir. Va. Mar. 9, 2000)). Here, there is a compelling interest in maintaining certain material under seal. The Government intends to file a redacted, public version of the filing prior to the sentencing hearing.

The procedures for sealing are set forth in *Baltimore Sun Co. v. Goetz*, 886 F.2d 60 (4th Cir. 1989): “The judicial officer may explicitly adopt the facts that the government presents to justify the sealing . . . .” *Id.* at 65.

Respectfully Submitted,

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